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Richmond County...

River Watch Parkway lane closures for TIA project kick-off

WHAT: The Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf of Beam's Contracting, Inc. wants the traveling public to be aware of planned lane closures on River Watch Parkway (State Route 104) next week. One southbound and northbound lane from 15th Street and River Shoals Parkway will be shut down between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. starting **Monday, Oct. 26** until **Friday, Oct. 30**. The closures are necessary for contractors to install a new storm drain system. All work is weather contingent. Motorist should expect delays during this operation and should exercise caution by reducing speed within the work zone.

Beam's Contracting just began construction activities on Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funded work totaling \$9.2 million that will replace existing double-sided guardrail median barrier with a concrete barrier and resurface/restripe a 7.02-mile section of River Watch Parkway from the Columbia County line to 15th Street. Improved lighting along parts of the roadway is another project perk. The project is slated for completion by July 31, 2016.

Commuters will notice construction zone signage and barrels in this area. The speed limit has been adjusted from 55 mph to 45 mph as well. Be aware that fines and the need for safety increase in work zones.

WHEN: Monday, October 26 through Friday, October 30 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., weather permitting

WHERE: River Watch Parkway (SR 104) from 15th Street to River Shoals Parkway mile posts 0.5 to 4

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